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Hatia derives its Name from The Name? Rhatus, the first Captain of the ancient Tuscans, who lived between the Alps and the River Po in Italy, 588 Years before Christ's Incarnation, according to J.P. Abelinus his Theatrum Europaum; where he faith: That this Captain defigning to inlarge the Borders of the Tuscans, or as others more probably will have it, willing to shake off the heavy Yoke of the Galls, who at that time very much oppress'd the Tuscans, came to settle in the Alps, which proved to be retia, or Nets and Snares to all who came in. either to conquer the Country, or to pals through it without their leave: For being once in, they never could,

by reason of the straight and narrow Passes, find their way out again.

Origine.

The Germans call'd 'em die Grauen, or Grey, because of the many grey People that lived to a very old Age; and from their first and ancient Confederacy, are call'd, die Graubundter, which might be rendred in En-

glish, the Old Grey Leagues.

The Scituation.

That which is now call'd Rhatia. (for the Boundaries of the ancient Rhatia reach'd as far as Augsburg) lies between Germany, Italy and Switzerland, and is full of high Mountains and deep Vallies, from whence also spring both the Rhine and the Inn. But the this Country is furrounded with very high Mountains, and hath none but very straight and narrow Passages, so that 10 can keep off 100, 100 a 1000, &c. Yet it hath nevertheless a great many pleasant, fruitful and populous Vallies and Plains.

Confederacy, Government, and Liberty.

Rhætia confists of three Leagues: (1.) The Grey League. (2.) The League of the House of God. (3.) The League of the Ten Jurisdictions. These entred into an Eternal League at Wazarol, in the Year 1471, to which they obliged themselves by an Oath, That they should all equally enjoy one com-

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mon Liberty, and have Power to make fuch Laws and Rights as they thought proper for themselves, and to alter them at Pleasure; as also to choose a President, a Secretary, and a Deputy, who shou'd be obliged to take the Oath of

Fidelity.

Every League confifts of feveral Communities, which enjoy the very fame Liberty, constitute their own Magistrates within themselves, make their own Laws, and have the Power of Life and Death: So that no Community is before or after, nor depends upon the other, neither is distinguish'd on account of Authority, but Order only, and the Vote of the last, is of the same Weight with that of the first; and every Community may in a certain Sense be look'd upon as an absolute Common-Wealth; of which B. de Casut faith: There is no Constitution norForm of Government in the World comparable to that of the Grifons.

And this was purely owing to their Exerting themselves, and taking up Arms in defence of oppress'd Innocence, against the Tyrannical Proceedings of their Superiours. For not only the Counts, Barons and Castellans, but also their Menial

Servants, treated the People with much Cruelty and Barbarity: As for Instance: Count Donat of Watz, entertain'd three hungry Boors very nicely, and forc'd them to eat almost more than they were able, and then commanded one of 'em to cut Wood, another to Walk very fast, and the third to Sleep; two or three Hours after, he order'd 'em to be ript up, to see which of 'em had digested his Food best.

Another Man in Guardawall, order'd a fair young Virgin to be brought him by her Father, who was a Shoemaker, and would in his presence have ravish'd her, but was dispatch'd with a Knife which the Shoe-maker took

out of his Sleeve.

These and many other such like horrid and inhumane Proceedings, gave a handle to em to seek their Liberty; some by sorce of Arms, others purchas'd it with Money, and others had it given them, &c. And the beginning of the League and Common-wealth being thus laid, it was afterwards compleated at Wazarol: But since that time, they have often undergone many Hardships; especially from the Year 1620, (in which happen'd the known Re-

Rebellion of the Popish Subjects in the Valteline, the Counties of Clavenna and Bormio, as also their bloody Massacre, in which their Rage and Fury reach'd not only their Fellow-Citizens, but also the Protestant Magistrates) to 1639; in which not only the Land of the Subjects, but the Governing Country Bormio too, was forc'd to feel the various and fad Fortune of War; the Imperial Forces on one hand, and the Spanish on the other, laying all Waste with Fire and Sword, so that not only the Valteline was torn away from its Lawful Masters, but the Affairs of the whole Country feem'd once and again to be within a hair's breadth of utter Ruine and Destruction; insomuch that they were forc'd to engage their Enemy nine times in one Year; but they lalways, by God's help, got the Victory, tho' they were but 4000 against 15000. The Wife of one of the latter thinking to draw some of the Grisons Blood out of the River, (which became red with the Blood of the Slain) took up the Head of her own Husband in her Pail.

Among the Heroes of that time, Benedictus de Fontana deserves immortal Praise, who being wounded, and fight-B ing Sword in tother, mightily animated others: But these things only by the

by. And now to proceed.

The Grey or upper League, so call'd from its Scituation at the Source of the Rhine, and the First, because at Trons, (where the President of that League is still chosen every Year the 23d of April, in the open Air, under a Tiel-Tree) they first enter'd into a Confederacy: It has Eight great Bayliwicks or Jurifdictions, four whereof are above, and four below the Wood; those above are Disentis, Lugnetz, Waltenspurg, and Gruop; those below are the Boden, Tufis, Rheinwald, and Mixaxerthal: These Eight have under them 22 lesser ones, viz. Disentis, Lugnetz, Gruop, Flimbs, Waltenspurg, Ratzuns, Ubersaxen, Laax, Rheinwald, Schams, Tufis, Heintzenberg, Schloevis, Hohentrins, Tamins, Wals, Saffien, Tschapina, Tenna, Misax, Rufle, Calanka: which fend 28 Deputies to the General Dyet, besides a President, a Secretary, and a Messenger.

The Cathedral League, or the League of the House of God, so named, because of the Episcopal Seat, by the Ancients call'd God's House, is there, has Eleven great Communities, which are again divided into 21 leser ones, and nam'd 2s follows: The City Coire, Bregall above

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and below the Gate, Furstenau, Obert halbstein, Tiefencasten, Ober-Engadin, Ortenftein, Bergun, Oberwatz, Unter-Engadin. The four Villages, Puschlau, Remus, Schlins, Stalla, Affers and Munsterthal, fend to the Dyet 23 Deputies, besides a President, a Secretary, and a Messenger.

The League of the Ten Jurisdittions, so called from the ten Communities of which it consists, viz. Davos, Closter, Castelser-Assizes, Shiersher, and Saeviser-Affizes, Mayenfeld, inner and outer Belfort, Chur-Walden, Schalfick, and Langwis, which fend to the Dyet 15 Deputies, befides a Prefident, Secretary,

and a Messenger.

Altho' this League sends fewer Votes to the Dyet, as has been above hinted. yet it enjoys the same Liberties with the other two Leagues, and has a third part of all the Revenues common to the Three Leagues, and of all the Offices and Benefices, as well as Taxes and Expences in time of War; which I pray God to avert.

Every Community has several Villages belonging to it, tho' more to one than to another; among which, in some Matters relating to their Laws, there is a Difference; one having more Offices and Revenues than another, yet no Vil-

lage of the free Grisons is subject to another; and those that have more Revenues and Benefices than others, have

more Expences too.

An Inhabitant of any Town or Village, tho' poor and mean, so he be but honest, is as free, and has his Vote, not only in Things relating to the Town or Village in which he lives, and of which he is a Denison, or Freeman, but also in Matters that concern his own Community or Jurisdiction, and his own League; nay, all the Three Leagues, even the whole Republick of Rhætia, as well as the richest and most honourable Man, whether of the Clergy or Laity, if he be upwards of Sixteen Years of Age. This is the Reason, why it is reckon'd one of the worst of Punishments, if any one, for some Crime or Misdemeanour, be declared by the Magistrate dishonest, and depriv'd of his Vote, Sword, and Dignity. Hence it also happens, that Disturbance and Confusions are raised by unreasonable and foolish Persons, who abuse their Liberty, and think they may do any Thing.

The Presidents, Secretaries, and Messengers of the Leagues, are Yearly chosen, and changed by the Votes Of every Community, sent by their Deputies, to the Places of Election: But the Magistrates of every Community, consisting of the Counsellours of each Village, are in many Places chang'd but every Two Years, in some seldomer; and where there is still better Order, never; but those that behave themselves well, continue in their

Post as long as they live.

The ordinary Dyets are held once every Year, presently after Bartholomew-tide alternately; that is, one Year at Tlantz, in the grey League; another at Coire, in the Cathedral League; a third Year at Davos, in the League of the Ten Jurisdictions: At which Places are also held particular Meetings of every League. At the ordinary or general Dyets, the President of that League, in which the Dyet is held, gathers the Votes; and at the particular Ones, the Head or chief Man does the same.

But as to the extraordinary and general Dyets, they are always held at Coire, by Reason of the Convenience of the Place, it being in the very Heart of Rhætia, where the Archive of the whole Republick is kept; and whither those Things, that are sent by Foreign Princes and Common-wealths, to the Re-

Republick of Rhætia, are transmitted to the common President, Citizen, and Counsellour of Coire, (who is chosen by Lot out of the Two, that are chosen by the League out of the Senate of Coire, and is sworn) who always lives at Coire, and presently communicates what is sent to him, to the Heads or Presidents of the Leagues.

To the extraordinary Meetings are call'd, by the Presidents of the Leagues, some, not all (yet by Turns, according to Order) of the Deputies or Speakers of the Communities, an equal Number, in

proportion to the Leagues.

It may be easily known, by the Heads of the Leagues, or their Secretaries, when such Meetings are held, Eight, Fisteen, or more Days before they are kept; and then Letters may be given to them, and Business laid before 'em without Charge; but if a Meeting must be call'd by the Heads and Chiefs of the Leagues, to open and to read the Letters, or to propose some Cause; then he that sends such Letters must pay the Charges and Salaries of the Deputies.

What Things are transacted in the Dyets and Assemblies, are sent, by the Secretary of the President of every League, to all the Communities, whose

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Approbations are defir'd, in order to make them valid. For fince the highest Power (Politically speaking) is vested in the Communities, and the People, so that if any one does any Thing against the Common-wealth, the Communities order a Censure upon the offending Person: Nay, more than that, there lies an Appeal from the Leagues, Meetings, and Dyets to the Communities. The Deputies of the Communities, at the Dyets and Assemblies, can order nothing, but as far as their Instructions from the Communities, according to the Plurality of Votes, go. For when the Presidents of the Leagues will call a Dyet, or an extraordinary Meeting out of the Communities, they are bound to notify the Reafons and Intentions of the Convocation, to the Communities; and when they are to order the Magistrates of the Communities to be their Deputies, they are oblig'd to give Notice to the People, and to collect the Votes of every Clergyman and Layman, that is an honest Son of his Country, and is coming to the Assembly so call'd together. From whence it is plain, that all the Rhætians are Masters and Lords of their Liberty and Independence, tho' they all have not so much Riches and Monies; of which, the English and Dutch, because of their better Opportunities and Advantages for Trade and Merchandize, have more; but the Grisons, if they have a mind to be rich, are forc'd (for want of the soresaid Opportunities and Conveniencies) to seek for it out of their own Country, either by Merchandice, the Sword, or Labour.

Nevertheless, by giving to other Powers, faithful, sturdy, and brave Soldiers, and good Troops, or granting em Passes through their Territories, or hindring and stopping their Enemies, they do them much greater Services, than by giving the largest Sums of Money to any State or Repub-

lick.

That the Republick of the Grisons may remain free, and its Borders and Passes not lie open to every one, is not only of vast Advantage to the Grisons and the Swiss, but also to all the Potentates of Europe: And upon that Account, the King of France, the Duke of Savoy, and the Common-wealth of Venice, Switzerland and the Netberlands, have industriously, and that secretly and openly, by friendly Treatments and by force,

Force of Arms, at the Time of our Commotions (in which Spain had got the Valteline into its Hands) fought to restore the Valteline to the Grisons, and to keep their whole Country free, which they also have commendably obtain'd. This very Thing was afterwards done by the Empire and Spain, when France was endeavouring to obtain too great a Power and Force in the Valteline.

Since none can be ignorant what Advantage it is to Italy and Germany, (especially in time of War) and what Difadvantage to other Powers, to have the Grisons their Friends, and to have their Passes open; therefore the Emperour maintains there an Ambassadour, the Queen of Great Britain a Secretary, and France an Interpreter, not without confiderable Charge and Expence. For altho' the Republick of the Grisons, is not so rich, so great and powerful, as that of the united Provinces of Venice, and others, yet in the present Posture of Affairs, by keeping the Avenues and Paffes well, and standing Neuter, (not to fpeak of other Things) they do eminent Services to many Potentates; and hence it is, that their Friendship is not despised or neglected, either by one or the other Power, but cultivated and honour'd, and their Neutrality very much esteem'd.

As for the Christian Religion, it is said, that one St. Lucius, an Englishman, preached and spread it first in Rhætia. At this Time the free Liberty and Exercise of both the Protestant and Roman Catholick Religion is there establish'd by fundamental Laws, from the time of their first Confederacy, and confirm'd by Oath, with these Conditions fubjoin'd: That no Foreigner, who has not been examined and admitted by one or other of the Synods, is qualify'd to serve the Church; and also, that if any one of the Ministry offends in any one point against the Law of the Country. fuch Offender, as well as any other Native of the Grisons, be punish'd by the Magistrate.

Of three parts of the Grisons, two are of the Reformed or Protestant Religion, and the rest are Roman Catholicks.

Of the Reformation in the Grisons Country, the Famous Dr. Anbornius, a Swiss, has wrote very largely; to whom also is owing the Relation of the Snows which are above a Man's Height, and cover the Hills and Dales for several Months together; as also of the Labines,

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or vast Heaps of Snow which descend from the Mountains with a prodigious Force and unspeakable Swiftness, breaking down and eradicating the highest and thickest Pines and Larix-Trees, razing Walls feveral Foot thick, filling up deep Valleys, and making 'em even, and drifting so vastly, that the Heaps of Snow are deeper than the loftiest Towers are high. From him we have also the Account of the Ice of many Years; nay, (as it is believ'd) of some Ages, that is above a Mile long, and half a Mile broad, and above a quarter of a Mile thick, which would load a whole Fleet, if they could come near, as also of its Hardness, Colour, and Chinks or Cracks; That Ice is called in the German, Glatscher, and in the Rhæ-tish Language Vadrets. In one of these happen'd that fad Accident, Anno 1698, in the Month of August, to Martin Lexius, my very well befor'd Auditor; who hunting after wild Goats, happened to light upon fuch Ice as was but newly cover'd with Snow, he fell into it Ten Fathom deep, and Two in Water, and so was kill'd: This happen'd on a Friday, being found the Sunday after, he was on Monday drawn out with Ropes, and on Tuesday buried. The Ice was so C 2 hard, hard, that he that was let down with a Rope about his Body, and another in his Hand to draw the dead Man out, could not with an Ax make a Place for both, but only for one Foot to stand up-The Ice is of a green Colour, fo that when the Rays of the Sun glance on it, it shines like a most bright and polish'd Looking-Glass. The same Gentleman gives an Account of the Lakes on the highest Mountains, that are furnish'd with the best Trouts, as the common Fish of the Country. Upon the Ice whereof both Natives and Foreigners travel ordinarily for several Months, with Horfes and Sledges heavy laden. As also of the greatPlenty of the clearest Chrystals, of the wild Goats, of the Alpine Murmelins, of many Minerals, of warm Baths, medicinal Waters, and other most wholfome Springs and Herbs. Dr. Bartholomew B. Planta, in the Year 1704 at Samaden in the upper Engadine, told me, that one Cow alone in our Alps, eats. as many Herbs in one Day, as might in other Places be fold, to those that knew them, for more than the Cow it felf is worth; This is the Reason, why the Butter and Cheele of those Two Months, in which the Hills are cover'd with Flowers, is fold dearer than all that is made in the other Months.

Of more Remains of the Deluge, and other Curiofities and Rarities of Rhætia, together with other remarkable Things, you may be informed in the most famous Dr. Sheuchzerus his Description of his Travels over the Alps, who is Dr. of Physick at Zurich, and Fellow of the Royal Society at London, a most sagacious and expert Naturalist, and therefore called the Pliny of Switzerland, my very worthy Friend, who for these Reasons made several Journies into the Country of the Grisons. This Book is printed for H. Clements, at the Half-Moon in St. Paul's Church-Tard, 1708.

Altho' the Communities or Villages of the Grisons, (excepting Coire, the Mannor or Lordship of Majellan, the four Villages, Tusis and Taminso) have no Vines yet they have for a reasonable Price, very good and wholsome Wine from the Valceline, which is subject to them; for Sprecherus asserts, that the Valceline can sell every Day 300 Hogsheads, and yet have enough for its self. What must it be able to afford now, since from that Time the Vines are so

much increased?

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The Grisons might have Grain enough, if they would, according to the commendable Example of England, till their Country, and fow more Corn, that so one Community might serve another. For the Communities, and Villages, scituated on the Tops of the Monntains, and in the Woody Vales. the they have not Barley enough, yet they have more than enough of Flesh, Butter, and Cheese, which many eat instead of Bread, and drink Milk and Water instead of Wine, and are stronger and lostier than many that live in the domestick Valleys! And they all have the Liberty of hunting wild Goats, Hares, Partridges, &c. together with the Privilege of fishing.

As to the Length and Breadth of Rhatia, few would believe that it were of such an Extent, as it would be found to be, if all the habitable and inhabitable, accessible and inaccessible Places were carefully surveyed; for the uninhabited, barren, and inaccessible Places in many Villages, are more in Number, and bigger than the inhabited, fruitful, and accessible Ones, as appears from the Map of Rhatia, which this Month (God willing) is to come out, Enlarged and corrected at Amsterdam. Several have written of Rhatia, as Tschu-

dius,

dius, Abelinus, Cornelius Danckerts, Gulerus, Campellus, among whom Sprecherus has composed a Chronology of Rhatia, the Epitome, or general Index of which, is as follows.

An Epitome, or general Index on Sprecherus's Chronology of Rhætia.

CHAP. I.

WHEREIN he shews, that the Tuscans, under the Conduct of Rhatus, their Leader, betook themselves to the Alps, and enlarged their Limits and Boundaries. That the old Alps, by Rhatus called Rhatia, is described according to its Borders; and at the same time whatever happen'd memorable under the old Roman Emperours, to the Death of the Emperour Augustus, and surther after Augustus to the Kingdom or Empire of the Francks, is here set down.

CHAP. II.

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CHAP. III.

Is the Description of Two Wars, waged by the Grisons, viz. of the Swabian against the Emperour Maximilian, and of the Musian against John Jacob Mediginen, in the Year 1525, and 1531.

CHAP. IV.

An Account of the Wars in which the Grisons served their Confederate Princes, until our Time, viz. An. 1645.

CHAP. V.

1. Contains the Confederacy, the Three Common Leagues enter'd into, in the Year 1471. 2. The Leagues with the Switzers, and neighbouring Princes. 3. The fundamental Laws of the Rhatians, and Administration of the Government, with other Things worth our Knowledge.

CHAP. VI.

Is contained the original Description of the upper, first, or grey League, according to their Communities; as also of the Cathedral League, or League of the House of God; and also the Third, viz. the League of the ten Jurildictions. Moreover of the Lordship of Haldenstein, together with an Index of the Names of the Bishops of Coire, of the Abbots of Dissentis and St. Luci; as also of the Presidents of every League, and the Sheriss of Mayenfelt, every Thing in its proper Place and Order.

CHAP. VII.

Is given a Description of the Counties Bormio, Valteline, and Chiavenna, and the just Pretension of the Three Leagues upon them; as also of their Acquisition of them, and Administration in them, with an Index of the Names of the Sheriffs.

An ABSTRACT out of the Voluminous Fundamental Laws of the Grisons.

The Introduction,

WE the Presidents of the Three Rhatish Leagues, together with the Deputies of all the honourable Communities, and common Jurisdictions of the Three free Leagues; To all in general, and every one of the Burghers and Patriots of the free Country

of Rhætia in particular, make known, that as God Almighty, by the Fortitude of our pious Ancestors, has granted us the greatest Liberty of Body. and Soul in this our Estate; And as they have made several good and wholfome Laws, for their and our Preservation and Advantage, to the strict Obfervance whereof, they have bound themselves. Therefore We also (since) all bumane Affairs are subject to time and chance) have, upon mature Deliberation, and their Consent and Authority, made the following Laws, against the dangerous and malicious Transgressions of some, whose seditious Deligns tend to nothing, but the utter Subversion of our Country. To the inviolable Observation of these Laws, We have, by Oath, obliged our felves, and all our Posterity, as long as the World shall stand.

In the first Article, the common Liberty of both the Protestant and Roman Catholick Religion is afferted, the Liberty, Synodical Laws and Rights of the Clergy in both Parties confirmed, and the Methods how the Differences about Religion are to be decided, viz. no otherwise than by the Verdict and Sentences according to the Statutes of every

every Community, is likewife fight-

Secondly, Tis enacted, that no Alliance is to be made without the Knowledge, Counsel, and Approbation of our Confederates.

Thirdly, No League alone is allowed to begin a War, unknown or against the Advice and Will of the Two other

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Leagues.

The other Articles shew how the Quarrels and Debates arising between one and the other Community, between one and the other League, or between one or two Leagues and the other, are to be decided in a friendly Manner, by an equal Number of Judges on every side.

Of the Alliances with Foreign Princes, and States.

In the Year 1497, the upper Grisons, or the Grey League, enter'd into a perpetual Alliance with the Seven ancient Cantons of Switzerland, viz. Zurich, Lucern, Ori, Schwitz, Underwalden, Zuz, and Glarus.

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Anno 1498. The Cathedral League was made.

An. 1590. The League of the Ten Jurisdictions with Zurich and Glares did commence.

An. 1500. The Emperour Maximilian enter'd into an hereditary Union of 20 Years, with the Three Leagues.

An. 1518. This hereditary Union was renew'd for ever, upon Condition that every one of the Three Grisons should receive 200 Florins yearly on St. Martin's Day, besides the free Importation of Corn and Salt.

An. 1602. The perpetual Alliance was made between the Three Leagues, and the Canton of Bern.

An. 1603. With the Republick of Venice for Ten Years.

An. 1639. Sept 3. At Milan a perpetual Alliance and Confederacy was concluded, between Philip IV. King of Spain, and the Three Rhatish Leagues; by Virtue of which, a true and lasting Peace, and a perpetual hereditary good Neighbourhood was established, between the said King of Spain, and all his Dominions on one Side, and the Three Leagues on the other Side, and all their Subjects: This was confirmed by a solemn Oath, with a spe-

cial Promise, that each should assist the other, if either the one or the other should, clandestinely or openly, be disturbed by any one.

In this Alliance, among other Articles, these following are stipulated or comprehended.

I. THAT there shall be a free and uninterrupted Liberty of Trade and Commerce between the Countries of both Parties, themselves and their Subjects, without excepting or restrain-

ing any Person whatsoever.

II. That the King, to shew his Royal Bounty, Love and Affection to the Three Confederates, will cause 1500 Crowns, at 6 Milan Livers each, of good current Money, to be yearly paid into the common Treasury, in the Town of Coire, constantly at Easter.

It is moreover, the King's Pleasure to maintain Two young Men of each of the Three Rhatian Allies, at the Schools of Milan or Pawia, there to be instructed in the Knowledge of Languages and Virtue, and to allow 70 Crowns of the said Value, for keeping of each of the aforesaid Three Scholars, who are obliged

liged to come personally to fludy at the

Places abovementioned

IV. If any Difference should arise betwixt the King, or any one of the Confederates, or betwixt any particular Person of either Party and the King. or the Three Allies; in such a Case shall both Parties, or the particular Perfons of one Side as well as the other, make choice of Two honest Men from amongst themselves, who shall immediately meet at the Town Cleffen, and being discharged of their former Oath by their Magistrates, they shall be particularly fworn Juries, (or Umpires) for deciding such Differences; and if those Four should happen not to agree in their Verdict, but equally divide upon the Matter; then another Person shall be chosen by Lot, to be the Foreman (or Arbitrator) who, having taken his Oath, shall, agreeing with one or other, decide the Caule. The same Foreman shall be first discharged of his Oath, and more particularly sworn for that Purpose; and whatever he shall thus determine, is to be of Force, and to stand good without Contradiction.

An. 1706. December 6. An Alliance was concluded between the most serene Republick of Venice, and the Rhatians.

An. 1707. May 5. Besides the Confederacy with the old Seven Cantons of Switzerland, a particular and perpetual Alliance was agreed to by the Republick of Zurich and that of Rhætia.

Of the Embassies of the Grisons.

Sprecherus, Bucelinus, and others, relate many Instances of the Embassies sent to the Grisons, and of those they sent to others. Of which I'll relate here but sew, to make it appear, that the Rhætian Republick is such, as the Title-page of this Description represents it.

Those of others sent to the Grisons.

A NNO 1564. Charles IX. King of France, sent his Envoy Pomponius Belleureus, to prevail with the Grisons to renew their Alliance with him. And Philip II. King of Spain, sent his Envoy Don Auguisciola, to press them to his Alliance.

An. 1598. The Republick of Venice fent Alex. Amardus their Envoy, to desire their Alliance.

An. 1604. The King of Spain sent Podemanno his Envoy; Vericus de Vico, Envoy of the King of France, being in Rhætia at the same time.

An. 1607. Carolus Paschal, the King of France's Envoy, tarried in Rhætia,

where he died, An. 1615.

In the last Century, several Spanish Envoys, as the Dons Casati, and others; and about the latter End of the last, and the Beginning of this Century, some French Interpreters and Envoys have, for some Years together, resided in Rhatia.

Their Majesties, the Emperour and Queen of Great Britain, have, and do still honour our Country with their

Envoys.

The Legations Sent from the Grisons to others.

A NNO 1591. John de Salis was sent Venice.

An. 1602. The Rhætians sent an Em-

bassey to the Republick of Bern.

and Navarre. In the last Century they fent several Embassies into Spain, to

Vienna, Inspruz, and Milan, mentioned in the publick News. At this Time they have still their Envoy at the Hague, who also was here in England not long ago, and of whom more hereafter.

The most memorable Transactions, that happen'd Att. 1707. about the Passage of the High Allies, among st others are these.

The high Allies being very defirous of the Passage of their Troops through the Territories of the Grisons, which could not be obtain'd by the Imperial Envoy, Monsieur Wenser alone; Mr. Stanyan, Her Britannick Majesty's Envoy came to his Assistance the latter End of January 1707. These Two Envoys, by their Industry, Prudence, and Dexterity, both in publick and in private, obtain'd their Desire, March 13.

Neither was the Passage (in regard of the Neutrality) deny'd to those who went out of Italy through Rhætia.

The faid Passage was granted, out of pure Affection and Love, by the Plurality of Votes of the several Communities, upon the following Conditions:

EC 34) The Emperour and Her Britanick Majesty's Promises to the Rhætjan Confederates.

HE defired and obtained free Passage here mentioned, has been concluded and agreed upon, not from any Obligation, (as it has been reported) but out of pure Respect and Affection, and upon no other Terms and Conditions, than those of their own present and future Security.

I. That his Imperial and Britannick Majesties, and the States of Holland will warrant and indemnify the laudable Rhatian Republick from all Dangers, hostile Invasions and Disturbances, and punctually make good whatloever Charges and Losses may unexpectedly accrue to the fame foon or late, on the Account of the faid free Passage. And if the Republick should be attacked, molested, or diffurbed for granting the aforefaid free Passage; they will, upon Notice thereof, readily and speedily support and affift the fame, with Men and Money, and supply it with all that is requisite

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draw from it.
II. And as his imperial Majestý has given repeated Affurances to the laudable Rhætian Republick, duly to observe the hereditary Union in all its particulars: It is bereby again promised and affured, that the same shall be strictly observed for the future; and those new Customs, Imposts, and Incumbrances, that heretofore, to the Prejudice of these Countries, have been laid upon Salt, Corn, Brandy, &c. shall be immediately taken off, and they no more hereafter charged therewith: But according to the Tenour of the hereditary Union, the Passages and Roads shall be left free and open for the bringing into the Countries, Corn, Salt, &c. and not in the least stop'd or hinder'd; promising withal that the Arrears of the Annat-Money (yearly Subfidies) Shall be paid within Six Years time.

Ill. His Imperial and Britannick Majesties, and their high Mightinesses the States General, promise, not only that the laudable Rhætian States shall be upon advantageous and beneficial Terms, included in the Peace hereaster to be made; but likewise to commit it in such a Manner, to the Mediation of England E 2

and Holland, (which the laudable Republick hereby defires, and is promis'd by the Envoy of England) that the faid Republick may be effectually affifted, upon any succeeding Innovation of the Milan Capitulation, to obtain of the then Possessor of the Dukedom of Milan, better and more advantageous Conditions, the Payment of the remaining Subfidies, and due Satisfaction of all

other Pretentions, &c.

All this, and that the Ratification of his Imperial Majesty, shall be procured within Three, or at farthest. Four Weeks Time, and that from England in Ten Weeks, or as foon as poffible; the then nominated Envoys have, in behalf of their respective Principals, given full Affurance of, and with their Hands and hereditary Seals confirm'd. and corroborated, . Chur. the 12. Mart,

If any one should defire a larger Account of this Matter, he may have it by Word of Mouth from the Reverend: Mr. Werndley, a Minister of the Church of England, who was Chaplain and Secretary to his Excellency Mr. Stanyan, Her Majesty's Envoy at Zurich, and knoweth very well how much I have been instrumental in procuring

the Passage of those Troops; all which I can prove both by the Imperial and the British Envoys Hands and Seals.

1. His Excellency the Envoy P. de Salis, is descended from the most noble and ancient Family of that Name: his Parents as well as his Ancestors having been true Patres Patrice, which Character he himself deserves, as well as any of our Nation, having acquitted himself here in London, at the Hague where he still refides, and in all other Occurrences at home and abroad, with that Candour, Generofity, and Dexterity, that he is esteem'd of all who love true Honour, Generolity, and Prudence, and is belov'd by all that know him; so that he is a great Ornament both to his Family, and to the whole Nation of the Grisons, being Colonel of the Cathedral, and Envoy of all the Three Leagues of the Grifons.

mas Masner, whose Case the News for several Months have taken much Notice of, is a Burgher and Senator at Coire, Sheriff of Mayenfeld, his Imperial Majesty's Commissary; and has had the Honour to be Roighted by Her Malesty of Great Britain, at present

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not a little afflicted for the Confine-

ment of his only Son.

There are not many, I suppose, amongst the Grisons, who do not wish with me the Release of the young Mr. Mafner, tho' there are many who would have Mr. Masner Sen. punish'd for apprehending the Grand Prior of France, within the Borders of Ratzun, without the Leave of the faid Community; not that they do defign to favour the King of France more than the Emperour and Queen of Great Britain (as some either out of Ignorance or Malice judge, whereby they endeavour to render the Grisons odious in the Eyes of the High Allies) but that the faid Community and every Member thereof, may be preserved in their Liberty and Property. And as the Members of all the Communities are under a folemn Oath to maintain the Liberty of every Community, so the Members of this Community, as Mr. Bianchi in his Book publish'd at London 1710, by J. Knapton, at the Crown in St. Paul's-Church-yard, saith, are effectually free, and have their Suffrage equally with the other Communities, independent on the Envoy. The memorable History which his Lordship, the present Bishop

of Sarum, being an Eye-Witnels of the fame, relates in the Account of his Tradels through Switzerland, of this Community and its Members, fets this Matter in a true Light. His Words are these: " One Travers bought it of the Emperour in the Year 1679. He enter'd upon the Rights of the Ancient "Barons, which were specified in an Agreement made between him and his Peasants, and was confirm'd by the "Emperour, Travers made many In-"croachments upon the Privileges of his Subjects, who upon that made " their Complaints to the League. But "Travers would have the Matter " judg'd at Inspruck; and the Emperour supported him in his Pretension, and " fent an Agent to the Dyet. An. 1685, " in the Month of September, I was pre-" fent when he had his Audience, in which there was nothing but general " Complements. But the Dyet stood 4 firm to their Constitution, and afferted, "that the Emperour had no Authority to " judge in that Matter, which belong'd only to them; fo Travers was forc'd to drop his Pretentions. Pag. 60 and 70 in Dr. Burnet, now Lord Bishop of Sarum, his Travels; Printed in the Year 1708.

By which it appears, how firm the Grifons stand to their Oath, in maintaining the Liberty of this Community of What has happen'd thefe fix Months fince my Absence, I do not fo well know, because I can't give overmuch Credit to the News we have from thence, it being so precarious, and oftentimes contradictory, that I had rather suspend my Judgment, than asfert any Thing politively. In the mean time, I heartily wish the Liberty of young Mr. Masner, whom I know very well; neither do I envy that of the Grand Prior, fo Mr. Masner has but his, and that, for the Satisfaction of all the Confederates, and especially the Neutral Grisons; against whom (in Regard to the Law of God and Nations) France it self has nothing to object, whatever they may mutter against them, either out of Partiality, or not knowing the Ground of the Bufinels, or because they love neither God, Juffice, nor common Peace and Quiet.

I could communicate more of this Matter to the Ears of my worthy Pattrons, than for several Reasons I think proper to insert in this Paper, though, as a free Grison, for the Good of the common Cause, I should not be assam-

ed openly and freely to speak my Mind before any publick Assembly of the Grisons, as I have done more than once by word of Mouth, and in Writing; which I can prove by many diagness; which I can prove by many diagness; partly quint Print, partly under the Hands and Seals of a challenge of the Persons.

. 3. If I should, according to many celebrate the Piety, Learning a hidinism. Charity, and uncommon Beneficence of that illustrious Lady Hartensia of Moos. by Descent de Salis, I might appear to many as a Flatterer, and yet not do Justice to Her Character, of which the most useful Books publish'd by Her, and her Letters written to the most August Queen of Great Britain, which are full of devout Wishes for the Preservation of Her Majesty's most Sacred Person, and which Her Majesty is graciously pleas'd to read and keep, do abundanttly testify. It won't be improper to insert here a Passage of a Letter writ by the famous Faceb, a Moss at this Time, the most worthy President of the Rhætish Synod to a certain English Centleman, who is very well known and belov'd for his Piety, Prudence, and Experience, acquired by his feveral Years Travels. and by the Conversation and Correfpondence spondence with learned Men, his Words are these . "You have heard, without "doubt, of my Lady de Salis her Fa-" ther's Death: This indeed would be a lenfible Loss to us, if it was not " made up by the Comfort left us " by his worthy Sons, who are the true Heirs of his uncommon Vir-" tues. The faid Lady, his Daughter, is, after her Nine Years Absence, returned to us- God has made her an Instrument of his Glory, to the Confulions of Errors on many Occasions, in a Country full of Darkness, where, as well herFather as her two Brothers have served the publick. She has been receiv'd by us with a general Satisfaction. The Grace of God has increased her Talent by Age and Experience, the being continually employed in the Exercise of Piety and Charity, which are her particular Delights.

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4. Of those Grisons who have been naturalized here in England.

I. Master John Jenatzius of Samaden who, for above these Twenty Years, has honourably and faithfully served Her Majesty, and Her Predecessors in the Foot and Horse Guards, in which Service he still continues.

II. Mr. Jacob Razer, of Zatz, who with his Companion Mr. Peter Delabertauche of Sancerne in Berry, was the first, that with a great deal of Pains, Labour, Charges, and no small Hazard too had the Valteline or Rhatian Wine (because the Valteline, as well as the Counties of Bormio and Clavenna is subject to Rhatia) brought over Hills and Dales, and so by Sea transported to England.

III. Mr. Darius Baravicinus a Capellis of Silio, a young Man of Twenty Years of Age, who is well versed in the Rhatish, Italian, Latin, French, German, and English Languages, and fit for a Secretary. His pious Ance-

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stors suffer'd very much in the Rebellion for the Consession of the Gospel, some of whom were either kill'd, driven out of the Valteline, or plunder'd and rob'd of all their Possessions and Estates.

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5. Of the Valteline or Rhætish Wine.

THIS Wine may defervedly be reckon'd among the best and wholfomest Wines, as many creditable Persons, who know the Taste and Virtues of all Sorts of Wines, have told me. Nay, Suetonius in the Life of Augultus, faith, that he was naturally a very little Drinker of Wine, but the Rhatish Wine pleased him best. This Wine, the farther it is faithfully and without Adulteration carried and transported, the better it is, and may be kept for many Years. 'Tis true, there are many Wines that are stronger, of a deeper Colour, and more palatable, but I believe none wholfomer; for I my felf have found it very medicinal: Nay, many

many are of Opinion, that the old Age a great many of the Grisons live to humanely speaking, is owing not only to the wholsome Air and Food, but also to the most wholsome Wine, their Springwater, and their Milk. This Wine is to be had at Mr. Razer's, in the Court next door to the Coopers-Arms in St. Miles Crooked-Lane, near Thames-street, London.

I have hitherto, with all Brevity and Perspicuity, pointed at those things in my Native Country that are most neceffary to be known, with which I hope the Reader will be fatisfy'd . But if any defire a more full and large Description. and would be at the Charge, I offer to give such a one in time, with God's Help, which should be to their intire Satisfaction. And if any he defirous of knowing the Particulars of late Occurrences, not only of Rhatia, but of Switzerland, with which I am also very well acquainted, by reason of the many Books I have publish'd there, the many Journies made thither together with the Correspondence kept till now; I can give to my Patrons and Benefactors, by word of Mouth, or by Letter, a fuller Account than I was able to give 16, 17, and 19 Years ago, to the most Illustrious and Great

Great Pensionary Heinfius, who was to communicate it not only to their High Mightinesses the States of the United Provinces, but also to King William of Glorious Memory: And if the Relation should not be found true, I defire to be be look'd upon as the most impertinent and impudent of Men. But I hope it will appear, that I have not now lately, but long ago, as I can prove (far be from me all Arrogance and Boafting) by the publick Testimonials and Credentials of England, Switzerland, and Rhætia, next to the Glory of God, preferr'd the publick Good to any private Interest of my own, which to my Power I have endeavour'd to promote, not . valuing, but patiently bearing and undergoing the Hatred and Treachery of Enemies, and the Reproaches of malicious Persons, hard Journies, vast Toils, together with chargeable and dangerous Sicknesses, and great Perils of my very Life, and all this by God's Help; to whom be all Praise, Honour and Glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

POSTSCRIPT.

F any one has a Mind to know the true Reasons of the Rebellion in the Valteline, as likewise the Valour and Courage, not only of Men but the Women of Rhætia too, and how the Valteline, Bormio, and Clavenna came into the Grison's Hands; how honourably the Duke of Roban behaved himself towards the Grisons; if he would know the Revenues and Power of the Bishop of Coire, the ecclesiastical Goverment of the Protestant Grifons, and of what excellent Use and Importance their Ways and Passes are: Let him consult the Book quoted in the Account of Mr. Masner, where he will find what great Reason the Grisons have to fecure their Borders and Paffes. as being their Pearls and Jewels granted 'em by God Almighty, who, I pray, may for the future preferve and continue his Bleffings upon 'em.

I could wish, that more of those my Countrymen, who are design'd for the Service of God, either in Church or State, would come into England, and that

that more English might go into Switzerland, Rhætia, and Italy, that so one and the other fide might have fit Persons, not only well versed in the feveral Languages and Politicks, but did know the Humour and Genius of the People too, to be fent on Embaffies, that so they might not be obliged to fpend fo much Time before they are acquainted with them, and commit their greatest Secrets to Interpreters. The King of France used to fay, that he always fent the most able and pudent Minister to the Swiss and Grisons, because it were much easier to deal with one Head, or Prince, than with fo many.

Any Gentleman of what Quality soever, that had a Mind to travel through Holland Switzerland, (where he may have the best Opportunity to learn French, and all the Exercises sit for a Gentleman) and Rhætia into Italy; I offer my self as a faithful Guide, and promise to give such Security as shall fully answer his Expectation.

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of his Health and Life) and with what clearnels he has fet forth the ufefulness and right way of handling the holy scripture: He would in no wife have changed his Sentiments, but would have approved the faid Work with great Satisfaction for its eximious editying Contents, and in a special manner recommended it, together with the Anthor thereof to all fuch States, Societies and both Spiritual and Secular Superiors and Inferiors, as love and advance the purity of Doctrine and Holynels of Life; with his hearty withes that the fullness of the Blessing of God may attend this Planting and Watering, which I, (who am very well acquainted with the Author's Zeal, Diligence and Sincerity in promoting God's Glory, and the building of his Church, and the prosperity of our Country) do hereby, Without diffimulation and with mouth, Hand, and Heart, approving and applauding the fame, who am, and and town a served sell

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